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COLUMBIANA, ALA., JULY 13, 1860.

The East Alabama Baptist Convention met in the Columbiana Baptist Church, at 11 oclock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder PLATT STOUT, from Eph. 2–10.

The President, brother W. W. MASON, called the meeting to order.

After singing, prayer was offered by bro. B. MANLY, sen.

On motion, brethren S. G. Jenkins, Geo. Hill, B. Mattison, were appointed a committee on Credentials.

On motion, accepted a tender of the Methodist house of worship for preaching during this session of the Convention.

On motion, adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Convened at the time appointed.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following persons were entitled to membership in this Convention:

LIST OF DELEGATES—CHURCHES.

Antioch: S. G. Jenkins, Josiah Hawkins, T. G. Mattison.

Tallasahatchie: W. B. Griffin, A. Williams, J. D. Hocock, S. B. Glazener, William Edwards.

Cold Water: W. W. Mattison, R. Hughes.

Poplar Springs: Elder J. R. Steely.

Columbiana: A. A. Sterrett, A. Grubbs, A. Parnell, R. A. Mosely, S. G. Clabaugh.

Cane Creek: D. Nunnelly, J. Woodruff.

Lebanon: S. V. Smith.

Mt. Zion, Calhoun Co.: S. J. T. Whatly.

Jacksonville : N. D. Renfroe, G. C. Whatly, R. W. McAdams.

Oxford : B. Mattison, D. D. Draper.

Salem : W. C. Mynatt, G. Mynatt, W. M. Richey, U. Dulany.

Spring Creek : F. G. Posey.

Tuskegee : W. W. Mason, H. E. Taliaferro, Samuel Henderson.

Harmony : Wm. Johnston, S. K. Borders, A. Elston.

Union : J. W. Jeter, P. Stout, W. H. Jeter.

Ruhamah : J. McDolald, R. H. Wood, Isaac Herring, M. G. Wood.

Talladega Town Ch. : J. J. D. Renfroe, L. W. Lawler, John Bishop, John Henderson, James Headen.

Salem, Coosa Co. : J. M. Jones, A. Lewis.

Kymulga : Joseph Keith.

Fort Williams : William Wallis, D. B. Oden, Thomas Goodman, J. Pope, William Harris.

Mt. Zion : Geo. Hill, J. J. Bullington.

ASSOCIATIONS :

Canaan : H. G. Smith, H. Moor, J. Grimes, L. Myrick, P. S. Montgomery, A. J. Waldrop.

Tallasahatchie : Silas Witt, Wm. Johnston.

Coosa River : J. A. Collins, J. J. Bullington, J. J. D. Renfroe, C. R. Cross, W. C. Mynatt, M. Turner, S. G. Jenkins, R. Hughes.

Ten Island : G. C. Whatly, D. Nunnelly, S. J. T. Whatly.

Central : J. R. Steely, R. Figh, F. W. Timmerman, J. W. Jeter, P. Stout.

ANNUAL MEMBERS :

F. W. Timmerman, W. C. Buck, J. W. Bishop, D. B. Elliott, Joseph Keith, N. S. Leverett, J. W. Suttle, W. B. Gandy, J. D. Teague, J. C. Beverly, Joseph Henderson, I. U. Wilkes, James Mallory, Wm. Welch, J. G. Hudson, J. Mynatt, S. P. Holcomb, J. A. Collins, J. H. W. Mundine.

LIFE MEMBERS :

S. G. Jenkins, S. K. Borders, D. D. Draper, W. C. Mynatt, J. W. Jeter, J. W. Little, George Hill, J. J. D. Ren-

froe, C. R. Cross, W. W. Mason, G. C. Whatly, S. J. T. Whatly, Gordon Mynatt, A. J. Waldrop, Z. Haygood, Wm. Johnston, J. Borders, J. A. Whiteside, Lewis Piles, S. C. Williams, J. M. Crook, B. Mattison, W. M. Richey, J. A. Pylant, P. Stout, J. J. Bullington, P. S. Montgomery, J. A. Collins, W. Wilkes, E. King, N. Haggard, E. Wood, J. W. Bishop, W. J. Young, D. B. Oden, A. Andrews, Henry Talbird, D. D., H. E. Taliaferro.

On motion, Abner Williams and L. W. Lawler were appointed tellers to receive the vote of the body for President, two Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary. After balloting, the tellers announced the following the result of the election:

President, brother W. W. Mason;
First Vice President, Elder S. G. Jenkins;
Second Vice President, Elder Platt Stout;
Treasurer, brother C. R. Cross;
Secretary, Elder J. J. Bullington;
Assistant Secretary, Elder A. J. Waldrop.

The President, after expressing his gratitude for this expression of a continuation of the confidence of his brethren, declared the Convention organized, and appointed the following Committees to report this session:

On Finance: Abner Williams, G. C. Whatly, J. W. Bishop.

On Preaching: J. A. Collins, A. A. Sterrett, Geo. Hill, W. W. Mattison, J. W. Jeter.

On Business: J. J. D. Renfroe, C. R. Cross, Samuel Henderson.

RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE.

From Arbicoochee Association: J. C. Beverly.

From North River Association: L. B. Harbin, J. J. Walls.

From State Convention: N. Haggard, W. C. Buck, P. Stout, R. Figh, D. R. Lide, Edmond King, I. W. Wilkes, W. Wilkes, B. Manly, D. D., Shelby King, H. E. Taliaferro, M. T. Sumner, Sam'l Henderson, H. Talbird, D. D.

The following resolution, offered by brother Geo. Hill, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Rev. M. Hillsman, Corresponding Secretary of the Bible Board, and the Rev. M. T. Sumner, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, be invited to take seats in this Convention as the representatives of their respective Boards.

On motion, invited D. R. Lide, Treasurer for Howard College, and Sam'l Henderson, temporary agent of the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, and B. Manly, D. D., Missionary for this State, to seats, in their official capacity, in this Convention.

Invited all ministering brethren of our denomination to take part in the deliberation of this body.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder GORDON MYNATT to preach to-night in the Baptist, and Elder M. HILLSMAN in the Methodist house of worship to-night, and M. T. SUMNER to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the Methodist house.

On motion, the committee appointed last year to report on Indian Missions, was excused, and Sam'l Henderson, J. A. Collins, L. W. Lawler were appointed to report to-morrow, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and brother M. T. SUMNER was invited to address the Convention at that hour.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by brother W. C. BUCK.

SATURDAY, JULY 14th—8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Prayer by brother J. M. SCOTT.

Called for the report of the Committee on Business; which was read, and its suggestions observed in the following proceedings.

Called upon all who had arrived during the recess of the Convention, to give their names to the Secretary, and state the capacity in which they wish to be regarded by this body.

On motion, suspended the order of business, and granted the Committee on Sabbath Schools further time, and added R. Figh and W. Wilkes to said Committee.

On motion, brother H. TALBIRD was invited to a seat in this Convention as the President of Howard College.

II. Called for the Report of the Committee on Book and Tract Distribution and Colportage. Read, and on motion recommitted, and brother W. WILKES added, and instructed to report some systematic plan of operation.

On motion, suspended the order of business to hear a request from Ruhamah Church in regard to the wants of Elyton; and, on motion, referred to the Board of Managers.

III. Called for the Report of Committee on Education. No member of said committee being present, brethren J. A. Collins, S. G. Jenkins, Samuel Henderson were appointed a committee to report on Monday morning.

IV. Called for the Report on Foreign Missions. Read, and pending a motion to adopt, the claims of said Missions were urged by brethren SAM'L HENDERSON and M. T. SUMNER, and a collection taken, amounting to $71 80. Adopted. (Appendix A.)

V. Called for the Report of the Committee on Bible Distribution. Read, and pending a motion to recommit, with instructions to report some systematic plan of circulating the Scriptures, the Convention was addressed by M. HILLSMAN, N. HAGGARD, L. W. LAWLER, J. A. COLLINS. The motion was unanimously sustained, and brethren Lawler and Collins added to said committee, and to report on Monday morning.

Adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Convened at the time appointed.

VI. Returned Correspondence:

To Arbacoochee Association: S. G. Jenkins, S. K. Borders, D. D. Draper, Wm. Johnston, Josiah Hawkins.

To Alabama Baptist State Convention: P. Stout, J. J. D. Renfroe, J. J. Bullington, J. W. Jeter, W. C. Mynatt, Geo. Hill, James Headen, P. S. Montgomery, J. C. Beverly, N. D. Renfroe, A. A. Sterrett, James D. Teague, J. A. Collins, J. L. M. Curry.

North River Association: H. G. Smith, H. Moor, P. S. Montgomery.

VI. Called for applications for the next session of this Convention. Ruhamah, Jefferson county, and Mt. Zion,

Calhoun county, were put in nomination, and the Convention decided to meet with Mt. Zion, Calhoun county.

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, called for the special order of business, which was the Report on Domestic Missions. The chairman not being present, postponed until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

VIII. Called for the Report on Indian Missions. Read, and pending a motion to adopt, the Convention was addressed by M. T. SUMNER, J. A. COLLINS, W. C. MYNATT, and collection taken, amounting to $238 in cash, and $355 in pledges. Adopted. (Appendix B.)

On motion, suspended correspondence with those bodies from which we have received no correspondents this session—for the present.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Prayer by M. T. SUMNER.

On Sabbath the following appointments by Committee on Preaching were filled: At the Methodist house of worship, brother HILLSMAN addressed the Sabbath School, at 8 o'clock; brother B. MANLY, sen., preached at 11 o'clock; brother WALDROP to the colored people, at 3 o'clock; at night brother SAM'L HENDERSON; at the Baptist Church, brother SILAS WITT preached at 9 o'clock; brother J. J. D. Renfroe, missionary sermon at 11 o'clock; missionary mass meeting, at 3 o'clock, in which quite a number of the brethren participated; W. C. BUCK, at night—to large and attentive congregations.

MONDAY MORNING—8 O'CLOCK.

Prayer was offered by brother N. D. RENFROE.

IX. Called the roll and erased absentees.

X. Called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools. Read and adopted. (Appendix C.)

XI. Called for the report of committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on Bible Distribution. Read and unanimously adopted. (Appendix D.)

Called for report of committee to whom the Report on Book and Tract Distribution was referred. The committee reported that they had met with the Committee on Bible

Distribution, and concurred in the plan suggested in that Report. The Convention unanimously concurred in their decision.

XII. Called for the appointment of ministers to preach the next annual sermons. On motion, referred to a Committee on Nominations.

XIII. Called for the Report of Board of Managers. Read and adopted. (Appendix E.)

XIV. Called for the Report of Treasurer. Read and adopted. (Appendix F.)

XV. Committees to report next Session:

On Foreign Missions: Sam'l Henderson, J. W. Jeter, T. J. Russell.

On Domestic Missions: J. L. M. Curry, Geo. Hill, J. J. Bullington.

On Indian Missions: J. J. D. Renfroe, C. R. Cross, W. C. Mynatt.

On Bible Distribution: H. E. Taliaferro, J. D. Letcher, Patrick McKinney.

On Book and Tract Distribution and Colportage: Platt Stout, J. A. Pylant, J. D. Williams.

On Sabbath Schools: J. M. Russell, W. M. Lindsey, J. W. Suttle.

XVI. Called for the Report of Committee on Finance. Read and adopted. (Appendix G.)

On motion, the Report of our present Financial Secretary, W. C. Mynatt, was referred to the board of managers.

On motion, took recess to take a subscription for Bible and Tract Distribution, to aid the Financial Secretary in his efforts to raise the $1,600 proposed in report on the subject—$585 was subscribed. Subscriptions in the hands of Financial Secretary.

On motion, appointed a Committee on Nominations: J. A. Collins, D. B. Elliott, C. R. Cross.

On motion, postponed indefinitely the Report of the Committee on Domestic Missions.

XVII. Called for the Report of Committee to have this Convention incorporated. Brother S. G. Jenkins, chair-

man, reported that they did not make application in the time prescribed by the Statute, and failed. On motion, the same committee was continued.

XVIII. Instructed Secretary to have fifteen hundred copies of the minutes of this session printed, and draw on on the Treasurer for the amount to pay for the same.

XIX. Called for miscellaneous business.

Agreed to pay Secretary thirty, and Assistant Secretary ten dollars for their services.

The Nominating Committee recommended that we continue all the former Board of Managers; and to preach the Introductory Sermon to next Convention, GORDON MYNATT: alternate, A. J. WALDROP.

Bible Sermon, S. HENDERSON; alternate, N. D. RENFROE.

Missionary Sermon, W. WILKES; alternate, J. J. BULLINGTON. All of which was unanimously agreed to by the Convention.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the chairman of each standing committee be earnestly requested to send up his report to this Convention, in the event he is not able to attend the session of the Convention.

The following, offered by brother SAM'L HENDERSON, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the Committee on Education having failed to present the usual report on that subject, the following resolutions are recommended for adoption:

Resolved, That we feel an increasing interest in the cause of ministerial education, and that we hail with the highest satisfaction, the present prosperous condition of Howard College, and that its endowment and faculty entitle it to the confidence of the public.

Resolved, That the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Greenville, S. C., deserves and should receive the hearty co-operation of all Southern Baptists; that its prosperity, during the first year of its existence—which has just closed—fills us with gratitude to God; that we welcome the agent of that institution, Rev. A. Broaddus, to our State; that we will co-operate in the effort to raise the amount which has been assigned our State, to endow said Seminary, which is twenty-five thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the subscription started at this Conven-

tion, to raise sixteen hundred dollars for Bible and Tract distribution, be placed in the hands of the Financial Secretary, until the close of the next session of this Convention; and in case the proposed amount be raised before that time, notice to the subscribers be given by publishing the same in the S. W. Baptist.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Methodist E. Church for the use of their house of worship during the session, and to the citizens of Columbiana and vicinity for their hospitality shown us during our stay among them.

Ordered that the publishers of these minutes place the advertisement of the Baptist Male High School, of Talladega, on the cover of the same.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Mt. Zion Church, near Alexandria, Calhoun county, nine miles south of Jacksonville—after singing and taking the parting hand.

Prayer by W. C. MYNATT.

W. W. MASON, President,
Tuskegee, Ala.

J. J. BULLINGTON, Secretary,
Syllacauga, Ala.

A. J. WALDROP, Assistant,
Elyton, Ala.

APPENDIX.

A.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report as follows: It is certainly unnecessary to submit an elaborate argument in support of Foreign Missions. None of us will attempt to deny that it is our indispensable duty to aid in the great enterprise of preaching the gospel to every creature. This duty enters into the very nature of our holy religion, and constitutes an essential and vital part of an evangelical faith. But if arguments are demanded, we refer to the example and precepts of the Son of God, and to the example of primitive Christians. The holy Redeemer, in presenting his example, came from the glories of heaven to our sin-smitten and ruined world to seek and save the lost in all nations. He who was rich, for our sakes became poor. He who was in the form of God, and thought it not robbery to be equal with God, and made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men, and humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross; and all this he did, under the covenant promise of the Father, that he should have the heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost part of the earth for his possession. At the close of his earthly mission, the blessed Saviour said: "As the Father hath sent me into the world, even so send I you into the world." "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." And we are told that in obedience to this command, the disciples "went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following."

This Convention has as yet done but little for Foreign Missions, but your committee do most respectfully and earnestly recommend this great work to the favorable notice of the body.

The Foreign Missions of Southern Baptists are conducted entirely through the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Upon an examination of the late

report of that Board, we find that they have in the foreign fields missionaries, who are faithfully engaged in proclaiming to the heathen the unsearchable riches of Christ. Some of those missionaries have gone to new fields; and the Board are soon to send out others. The receipts of that Board for the past year, are $49,396 12; the disbursements, $36,973 77; and at the close of the year there remained in the treasury $12,458 35.

As this Board is soon to send other missionaries, it is necessary that their receipts be increased; and in order to this, of course the contributions of the denomination must be also increased. We invite the prayerful attention of the Convention to this subject. Let us do something for this good work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. D. RENFROE, Chairman.

B.

REPORT ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

Since the mission to the Indians was placed under the Domestic Mission Board, a degree of success has attended it unparalleled. There are now forty-nine missionaries laboring under the patronage of this Board—twenty-one among the Creeks, fifteen among the Choctaws, twelve among the Cherokees, and one among the Potawottomies. These missionaries have supplied 119 Churches and Stations—delivered 3554 sermons, baptized 201 Indians and 24 colored persons, received 47 by letter, travelled 32,535 miles, ordained 12 ministers and 5 deacons, and constituted 8 new churches. Sabbath and day Schools are quite prosperous.

The Rev. H. F. Buckner has translated the Gospel of John into the Creek language, and is now in New York superintending its printing. He has also prepared a grammar, hymn book, and an illustrated alphabet, which is also being printed. Some additional means will be needed to meet this expenditure.

Including a balance in treasury 1st April, 1859, of $3,245 75, there have been received during the year $22,334 05. There have been expended $16,583 32—leaving a balance in the treasury of $5,750 73.

The Domestic Board have advanced several hundred dollars on the salaries of the two missionaries of this body—

brethren Reed and Vandiveer. We recommend an immediate effort to raise this amount.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L HENDERSON, Chairman.

C.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

When we take into consideration the susceptibilities of our nature to the control of external influences; such as intellectual, moral and religious culture, the power of association, and the force of example in forming character and habits—it will be seen and felt to be difficult, if at all practicable, to arrive at a just appreciation of the importance of a well adjusted system of Sabbath School instruction, as it shall bear upon the destiny of the pupil and affect every important interest of society, social, civil, political and religious.

Your committee deem it unnecessary now to argue this question in this Report, and content themselves by referring to the able and elaborate report published in your minutes of 1859.

It should be, as it is, cause of rejoicing and thanksgiving to God, that he has awakened our churches and brethren so generally to anxious investigation into the merits of the subject, and a hopeful and commendable zeal in prosecuting this grand and glorious enterprise. The leaven is working in our churches, and the increased number of schools established within the current conventional year, is very gratifying, and encourages the hope, that through the continued blessing of God, we may live to see a Sabbath School in every church and neighborhood capable of sustaining it, in all the borders of our happy country. For this, dear brethren, let us all pray, labor and contribute of our means; and not grow weary, nor faint in our mind.

PLATT STOUT, Chairman.

D.

REPORT ON BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.

The committee to whom the annual Report on Bible Distribution submitted to this Convention, was referred, to suggest some systematic plan for circulating the Scriptures, has given the subject all the consideration they could bestow upon it in the limited time which has intervened.

It is deemed unnecessary after the many able and elaborate Reports which have been written on the subject of Bible Distribution, and submitted to our various conventions and associations to argue the importance of this great and good work. It commends itself to every true Christian.

All, then, that we can conceive to be necessary to be embraced in this Report is, to recommend the following plan: And we regret that we have not had time to propose one more comprehensive in its range of purpose, and more perfect in its details. But, all enterprises, religious as well as secular, must have a beginning. And if we only succeed now in laying the foundation for enlarged and useful operations in the future, we shall hereafter recur to the effort with pleasure. As we deem it best to conduct all our operations on the cash system, we submit for your consideration the propriety of raising a permanent fund of at least Sixteen Hundred Dollars in the next twelve months, (no subscription due until the whole amount is subscribed) to be used exclusively for the purchase of Bibles, Testaments and Religious Tracts, to be distributed by such agents as the Board of Managers may engage at cost and such *per centum* of profit as will cover all charges except salaries of distributing agents. And for the purpose of testing the desire of this Convention to engage in this good work in earnest, and to stimulate by example, our brethren who have remained at home, we recommend, in the event of the adoption of this Report, that an opportunity be offered before we adjourn to commence a subscription—to raise the amount recommended in this Report. And we also recommend that it be made the duty of our Financial Secretary to prosecute vigorously this work, so as to raise the amount suggested, and more if he can, by the next Session of this Convention.

To avoid incurring a debt, your committee recommend that the work of distributing be committed to the Missionaries laboring in our bounds, and such Colporteurs as may be recommended and paid by Associations, Churches or individuals, and approved by our Board of Managers. In the event the permanent fund should exceed $1600,00, such

excess is to be used in the purchase of such religious works as are generally approved by our denomination.

We also recommend that a fund be raised and placed in the hands of our Board of Managers for the purchase of Bibles, Testaments and Tracts, to be distributed gratuitously to the indigent. And to effect this we request Pastors of Churches to urge the claims of the poor on their congregations, and solicit contributions to this fund at least once a year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BULLINGTON, Cha'n.

E.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Your committee, dear brethren, FEEL, DEEPLY FEEL the increasing responsibilities clustering about them; that the Gospel of Jesus is to be preached through the Church in this day, does not admit of debate. The Church is the light of the world, the salt of the earth. And in "holding forth the word of life," she accomplishes the work God has assigned her to do. Her members and persons of the world send (through their agents) their contributions *down* to you to combine and concentrate their action, that through you the Board and Missionaries, they may "hold forth the word of life" to the destitute and heathen. These things all work together for good to them that love God, and the prospective good of the world. Your Board often receive pressing letters: "Come over and help us—here am I, send me."—We will not say the destitution is increasing, but our knowledge of it is increasing. It is immensely great—not more than half supplied. We find men, but lack means. God has blessed dollars in their right place. Would to God more were in their right place. Thus we *could* place two Missionaries in the field where there is but one. Could you but hear the soul-stirring appeals of brethren and destitute persons, "Send us the word of life—the preacher—the Bible." But how to *move* the great mass of our beloved people, we cannot tell. Still, how desirable such an end. Then would the Gospel run and be glorified.

Combined effort and concert of action, is a point of the highest importance in this good work. Acting thus, what may be accomplished through our instrumentality, God only knows. O! for moving, united, persevering action. The brethren who were in the field at the time of our last

report, were continued, and some others appointed. From what we see by their reports, and hear from others, they have been instrumental in doing great good. By them, and in the revivals with which they have been connected, a number have been baptized; $500 of the means to pay them, was lacking. Your Board made a joint note, borrowed the money, and paid them. Hence this year we have only four missionaries in the field, and aid two weak churches. We trust they are doing a good work.

After prayerful consideration, brother J. Reed was appointed to go to the Cherokee Indians. Salary, $750—a part of which is in hand. The Marion Board, through brother Hollman, gave him the outfit. We also appointed brother A. E. Vandivere to the Creek Nation, and agreed to pay $500 of his salary; for which brother J. J. D. Renfroe became responsible.

In November last, your Board elected W. C. Mynatt, Financial Secretary, owing to the protracted sickness of brother Collins. From what we learned, we had strong fears that if brother Collins lived, he would not be able to ride as agent this year. He has, we trust, done a great work for the objects of the Convention. Also, churches were calling for the pastoral services of brother Mynatt. Hence your Board thought it more expedient to elect him. He resigned his Board membership, and brother D. D. Draper was elected in his place. His Report for this year is to accompany this.

From the last Convention to November, we refer you to brother J. A. Collins' Report.

S. G. JENKINS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

Report of JESSE A. COLLINS, *Financial Secretary, from the 1st of June to the 1st October, (four months)* 1859.

FOR BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.

Harmony Church—John Borders, $40; Mrs. Borders, $10, .	$ 50 00
Providence Church—James Barrow, ...	1 00
Coosa Valley Church—J. G. Jenkins, $1; John Bell, 50 cts.; Nancy Bell, 50 cts.; Miss Sophia, 50 cts.; M. C. Collins $1; M. Cunningham, $1; J. A. Collins, $2 50; Greenville Jones, $1: Mary Allen, 50 cts.; Jane Willingham, 50 cts. .	9 00
Bethlehem Church—Josiah Hawkins, 75 cts.; Lewis Pyles, $5,	5 75
Talladega Church—Mrs. Catherine Stone, (life membership.)	5 00
Liberty Church—Billy Kelly.	15

Report of Jesse A. Collins—Continued.

Cherokee Association—Bible and Missions—Dr. W. Marony, $5; H. O. Golightly, $5; C. P. John, $1; John Bruton, $1; J. B. Hall, $1; J. A. Espy, $1; John Webb, 75 cts.; P. J. Horton, $1; S. N. Horton, 50 cts.	$ 16 25
Part public collection,	75
Union Church—Jemima Stevens,	2 00
Canaan Association—From H. Moor, Bible Dis. and H. Miss.,	13 50
Mt. Zion Church—Elisha McLelland, for Testaments,	5 00
Total cash B. D.	$108 40

DOMESTIC MISSIONS—CASH ON PLEDGES.

Kymulga Church—Joseph Keeth, $4; Wm. Runyan, $1; Wm. Boyd, $1; Mrs. Young, $1 50,	7 50
Asheville Church—J. M. Hodges 50 cts.; Dr. A. C. Crow, $1; J. M. Thomason, 50 cts.; E. Goode, $1; Mrs. C. Neeley, 50 cts.; L. Yarbro. $2; G. W. Turner, 50 cts.; J. Hodges, $1; P. S. Montgomery, $5; George Robertson, $5; Redin Hodges, $5,	22 00
Tallassahatchee Church—Dr. J. D. Heacock, $2 50; Z. Boaz, $2; S. B. Glazener and family, $2 50,	7 00
Columbiana Church—A. A. Sterrett, $25; M. Bryant, $5,	30 00
Talladega Church—James Mallory, $5; W. Reynolds, $10,	15 00
Mt. Zion, Talladega—J. P. Oden, $2; W. B. Gowan, $5; H. P. Oden, $5,	12 00
Coosa Valley—Perry Turner, $5; John Bell, $1 50; S. L. Coleman, $1; Jesse A. Collins, $5,	12 50
Union Church—D. F. Smith, $1,	1 00
Cherokee Association—Public collection, $10 25; J. P. Box, treasurer, $32 65,	42 90
Unity Church—Per Bankston—old subscription,	2 75
Ten Islands Association—John Dickinson, $5 at Tall. Asso.; Collection on Sabbath, $22; Reddin Hodges, $3; S. Joiner, $1; S. Q. Joiner, $1; Rev. J. A. Weatherly, at Tall. Ass. $1,	33 00
Refuge Church—W. W. Acker,	1 00
Macedonia Church—J. H. W. Mundine,	2 00
Ten Islands Association—Sent by the Churches—Sulphur Springs, $5; Refuge $2 50; Hebron, $5,	12 50
Total cash D. Missions,	$201 15

INDIAN MISSIONS.

Mrs. M. E. Lindsey, omitted in last Report,	5 00
Mt. Pleasant Church—Elias Cook,	2 00
Mt. Zion, Talladega—Rev. J. J. Bullington, pledge 1858,	5 00
Liberty Association—From J. B. Bledsoe, $5; for ——— $5,	10 00
Coosa Valley Ch.—Jesse A. Collins, $5; J. J. Willingham, $5,	10 00
Bethlehem Church—Lewis Pyles,	5 00
Ashville Church—Nanny Dill,	10 00
Ten Islands Association—Sent by Hebron Church, Tallas. As.	5 00
Total Indian Missions,	$52 00

Report of Jesse A. Collins—Continued.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS—(REPORT IN MAY.)

Col. J. M. Crook, $5; Mrs. M. M. Crook, $5; P. F. Darby, $5; J. J. Bullington, $5; Mrs. Mahala Moseley, $5; John Brewton, $5; J. B. Appleton, $5; Mrs. Susan Wood, $5; George Wood, $5; Rev. A. J. Waldrop, $5; Dr. S. C. Williams, $5,	55 00
Total Life Memberships,	$55 00

(EXHIBIT A.)

CHURCHES IN THE COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Bible Distribution—Cash.

Tallassahatchee Church,	20 75
Mt. Zion Church,	6 00
Fort Williams Church,	20 00
This amount in the hands of J. Henderson, Treasurer,	$46 75
Coosa Valley Church—Vouchers J. A. C.,	8 50
	$55 25

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Refuge Church, $8 50; Heph-zibah, $1; Mt. Zion, $6; Fort Williams, $26 50, Tallasahatchee, $11 25,	53 25
In hands of John Henderson,	$53 25
Coosa Valley Church—Voucher J. A. C.,	17 50
	$70 75

INDIAN MISSIONS.

Mt. Zion Church, 6; Fort Williams, 5; Tallassahatchee, 8 50,	19 50
James Headen, at Jacksonville,	10 00
Coosa Valley—Voucher J. A. C.,	15 00
	$34 50

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mt. Zion Church, $6; Ft. Williams, $5; Tallasahatchee, $6 50,	17 50

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

Fort Williams Church—(Names not known)	15 00
Total amount of cash,	$192 50
Of this amount, in the hands of J. Henderson, treasurer,	141 50
In the hands of J. A. Collins, Financial Secretary,	51 00
	$192 50

(APPENDIX.)

Cash collected since October 1859, *on foregoing Pledges:*

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.

Wm. Johnson, pledge at Jacksonville, 1858,	5 00
James Headen, pledge at Coosa River, 1859,	5 00

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

S. G. Jenkins, pledge at Central Institute,	10 00
S. G. Jenkins, pledge at Coosa River Association,	20 00
George Hill, pledge at Central Institute,	10 00
	$40 00

INDIAN MISSIONS.

Wm. Johnson, pledge at Jacksonville, 1858,	5 00
George Robinson, Ten Islands Association,	10 00
Mary Robinson, Ten Islands Association,	5 00
G. W. Turner, Ten Islands Association,	2 50
	$22 50

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

John Borders, 5; Wm. Johnston, 2d and 3d installment, 10,	15 00
	$87 50

RECAPITULATION.

Bible Distribution,	108 40
Domestic Missions,	201 15
Indian Missions,	52 00
Appendix,	87 50
Exhibit in hands of J. A. Collins,	51 00
Grand total cash in hands of Jesse A. Collins,	$500 05
" " cash in hands of J. Henderson,	141 50
	$641 55

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

For P. S. Montgomery: Jesse A. Collins, 2 50; W. M. Lindsey, 1; Mrs. Martha Lindsey, 50 cts.; John A. Pylant, 1; Mrs. Mary Pylant, 25 cts.; James Pylant, 25 cts.; James W. Jeter, 1; D. W. Bozeman, 1; Wm. E. Posey, 2; F. S. Posey, 1,	10 50
Paid to P. S. Montgomery,	$10 50
Center Church—Lewis Pyles, paid to Center Church,	5 00
Left with E. T. Reed, for Rev. Silas Witt: S. Lipscomb, 1; John Vice, 50 cts.; Geo. Roberson, 1; A. B. Smith, 1; W. S. Green, 1; J. Z. Henderson, 1; G. C. Whatley, 5; E. T. Reed, 5; Nanny Dill, 5; Jas. Harper, 50 cts.; E. T. Smith, 10; Dan'l Nunnally, 1; R. Hodges, 1; H. A. Still, 50 cts.; Matthew Allen, 1; Jesse Hunsucker, 1; Privately paid, 7,	42 50
Left with E. T. Reed, for Rev. P. Archer: Nathaniel Bice, 50 cts.; J. Harper, 50 cts.; T. P. Gwinn, 2; R. M. Williams, 2; Rawland Hook, 1; Nannie Dill, 5; S. Lipscomb, 1; M. Allen, 1; John Vice, 50 cts.; Geo. Roberson, 1; A. B. Smith, 1; Thompson Hodges, 2 50; Jesse A. Collins, 2 50; R. Hodges, 1; H. A. Steel, 50 cts.	22 00
Paid to brothers Witt and Archer,	$64 50

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. R. Cross, *Treasurer, in account with the East Alabama Baptist Convention.* Dr.

1860. July.—	To amount on hand, May 23, 1859,	- -	$195 00
May 23, 1859.—	To amount rec'd of Committee on Finance,		121 45
Oct. 29, "	" " " " Lindsey Weaver, Indian Miss.		10 00
" " "	" " " " Wm. Johnson, Treasurer of Tallassahatchee Association for Domestic Miss.		56 50
" " "	" am't rec'd of Wm. Johnson, for M. Davis,		10 00
" " "	" " " " " D. Thornton,		10 00
" " "	" " " " " " Robt. Thornton,		10 00
" " "	" " " " " for M. Hollis, for H. Book,		1 00
" " "	" " Rec'd of A. B. Smith, for Zion Ch. Dom. M.		9 65
" " "	" " " " " " " Union Ch. Dom. M.		12 00
March 6, 1860.—	Rec'd of John Henderson, Treasurer of Coosa River Association, for Domestic Missions, - -		21 85
" 7, "	Rec'd of Wm. C. Mynatt, Fin'l Sec'y, for Domes. M.		185 00
" 7, "	Also, for Indian Missions, - - -		43 50
" 7, "	" " Bible cause, - - - -		5 00
" 7, "	Rec'd of R. H. Thackerson, from sale of Bibles, -		43 00
Ap'l 4, 1860.	Rec'd of H. Moore, by P. S. Montgomery, from sale of Bibles, - - - - -		12 00
" " "	Rec'd of Board East Ala. Baptist Convention, -		500 00
			$1245 95

East Alabama Baptist Convention to C. R. Cross. Dr.

May 23, 1859.—	To amount paid Wm. M. Lindsey, Assistant Sec'y,		$10 00
" " "	" " " " J. J. Bullington, Secretary,		30 00
Sept. 21, "	Paid J. J. Bullington, for having Minutes of Convention printed, &c., - - - -		95 00
	Paid for Treasurer Book, - - - -		5 00
March 7, 1860.—	Paid order to J. R. Steeley, for Missionary labor,		162 50
" " "	" " " R. H. Thackerson, " "		166 65
" " "	" " " Wm. McCain, " "		244 45
April 4, "	" " " A. B. Smith, " "		224 35
" " "	" " " E. A. Vandivere, " "		176 95
" " "	" " " Wm. C. Boon, " "		23 35
" " "	" " " H. Moore, " "		83 35
July 4, "	" " Merritt Burns, Dep. Ag't, for Bibles & Test's,		20 00
			$1241 60
	Balance,	- -	$4 35

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report the receipt of the following amounts for the objects specified:

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES, &c.	Life Memberships	Indian Miss.	Domestic Missions	Bible Cause.	Foreign Miss.	Convention.
Jacksonville Church			5 00	2 00		
Cane Creek Church						3 00
Ruhama Church						10 00
Cold Water Church		10 00	12 00			
Antioch Church						5 00
Salem (Coosa county) Church			5 00			
Lebanon Church		6 00	6 00			10 00
Talladega Town Church			5 00			
Heph-zibah Church			5 20			
Columbiana Church		2 50	5 00	2 00		
Oxford Church						5 00
Fort Williams Church						5 00
Harmony Church						5 00
Spring Creek Church		9 50	4 00		2 50	
Tuskegee Church			15 00			
Union Church						5 00
North River Association		11 10				
Canaan Association		11 70				11 75
Annual Memberships						13 00
Reuben Robinson						1 00
J. Carlisle						2 00
S. T. Vann						1 00
J. McDonald (annual membership)						1 00
Eliza McClurkin			5 00			
A. J. Waldrop	5 00					5 00
Z. Haygood	5 00					
E. Wood	5 00					
John Moses						1 00
Sion Blythe			1 00			
J. G. Hudson (annual membership)						1 00
John B. Mynatt (annual membership)						1 00
Public collection, Saturday 11 A. M.					71 80	
A. Stevens			5 00			
Public collection, Saturday, 3 P. M.		238 00				
" " Night				37 80		
" " M. C., 11 A. M. Sunday			29 10			
Daniel Cannon			3 00			
Levi Myrick			2 00			
Public collection Sunday, 3 P. M.			54 50			
John Draper						2 00
Public collection for Buckner's translation.		34 65				
Josiah Hawkins	10 00					
L. W. Lawler, Indian Missions		80 00				
" " for Buckner's translation		10 00				
Miss A. Taliaferro		1 00				
Miss — Henderson		1 00				
	$25 00	$415 45	$161 80	$39 80	$74 30	$77 75

Forty-six dollars and sixty-five cents of the Indian Mission Fund was contributed for "Buckner's Translation."

PLEDGES NOT REDEEMED.—For Domestic Missions, $90; for Indian Miss. $100—individual Pledges; for Indian Miss. $250 00—church pledges; for Buckner's Transl'n, $5.

Pledges made at East Alabama Baptist Convention, July, 1860, to be redeemed by 1st October, 1860, for the following purposes:

For Buckner's Translation: A. Andrews, Burnsville, $5. For Domestic Missions, East Ala Convention: S. G. Jenkins $15; W. Wilkes, $15; S. K. Williams, Bibb co., $15; Benj. Mattison, $10; G. C. Whatley, $5; W. W. Mason, $5; Rev. G. Mynatt, $5; Mrs. A. J. Mitchell, $5; A. W. Poindexter, 5; A. Stevens, $5; M. G. Wood, $5. Total, $90.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ABNER WILLIAMS, *Cha'n Fin. Comm.*

NOTE.—There was an order passed at the Convention to have an advertisement for the Baptist Male High School in Talladega published on the cover of the Minutes. It was not sent us. PUBLISHERS.